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Some, in the clouds their tops Olympian hide, and W And by their differee thew incerior And to the heavens his daring fummit rears! "This tow'ring Atlas of Jarne's flore, See, fome beneath, with lefs afpiring height, Yield atmore verdant, and enlivening fight and Oft like the Sun, obscurely weild they lie, lott work While o'er their heads etherial vapours fly book and But now dispell'd, -the gloomy mist o'er blown; What bright reflections on their fides are thrown! ... Now Vancing Sun-berms, through the forests p ild all the hills, and make the plains more gay: While thus from far, those glorious views extend, Where fertile isles, and forcading waters blend: HOU guardian Genius of KILLARNY fav. Through all thy scenes romantic shall I stray ? Guided by thee, the Muse, and Fancy's train, Thy fylvan shades, and heights sublime attain? Come then, ye Naiads, and ye sportive Fauns, won but A Who guard the waters, and the flow'ry lawns, ul slodW Aid me, oh, aid me, with poetic fire leagne b'revin a'il And to thy wonders let my verse aspire! and a andW See from afar, the alp-like mountains rife, To fill the mind with grandeur and surprise! wom sidt SmoZits computed perpendicular height Bowl, from its beirg of a rounded deep from the verge of Mucrus Lake, is near torm.

Some, in the clouds their tops Olympian hide, And by their distance shew superior pride: Above them all---high MANGERTON appears, And to the heavens his daring fummit rears! * This tow'ring Atlas of Ierne's shore, With wonders crown'd, --- as Africk's Atlas bore! It's top, a spacious cavern-lake sustains, Fed by deep fprings, and never ceafing rains. See, some beneath, with less aspiring height, Yield a more verdant, and enlivening fight: Oft like the Sun, obscurely veil'd they lie, While o'er their heads etherial vapours fly! But now dispell'd,---the gloomy mist o'er blown; What bright reflections on their fides are thrown! Now dancing Sun-beams, through the forests play, Gild all the hills, and make the plains more gay:--While thus from far, those glorious views extend, Where fertile isles, and spreading waters blend: These striking objects first prepare the mind, To taste each beauty, nature's there combin'd.

Here crouded mountains form a circling chain, And frown impending o'er the liquid plain, Whose lucid surface from their feet expands, It's filver'd edges, to more fertile lands, Where a huge mass of azure hills conceal An ever-plenteous ever-blooming vale;

com afar, the alp-like mountains rife

Where

This mountain is the highest land in is a small Lake, called the Devil's punch

from the verge of Mucrus Lake, is near form. 1200 yards; and on its very fummit there

Where the blithe shepherd tills the fruitful earth, And culls his riches, with a grateful mirth; I work tod Where intermix'd, the corn, and pasture field, A pleasing prospect to his wishes yield: Fill'd with content, and ruftic-smiling peace, He fees his harvests, and his flocks increase; Pride, nor ambition, can his mind enthrall, Bleft in his cottage he enjoys his all!

The spacious park, and mansion of KENMAIRE. Adorn the scene and give a nobler air! * The lordly Owner with exalted mind. Of access easy, free, polite, and kind, Here when his choice, permits him to refide, Maintains a princely old Milesian pride! Lives an example to the rich and great, With heart unbounded, as his vast estate.

KILLARNY Villa, next, the view falutes! Whose rural neatness with the prospect suits, Tho' now unnotic'd---From the world apart, Soon shall thou boast the piling builders art; When future fame shall spread thy beauties round, And ev'ry pleasure 'midst thy wonders found: Affembling crouds, reviv'd by fummer's fun. From the dull City's gloomy haunt shall run; Shall here repair; --- and bid new structures rife, While spires with awful grace salute the skies!

This nobleman is remarkable for his ded mostly abroad, but the absent, his hospitality and politeness to strangers who boats and bargemen are at the service of

ontent; and ruitio

Hibernia's Sons, no more their ifle shall leave, and we shall be a A And we soon glory in our Bath at home.

The craggy heights, and wooded hills oppose The finiling scene, and Nature's bounty shows; Wild, and infertile to the labourers art, 1100 till in held With native wonders greater charms impart: The floping-curves, we here and there defery, Afford new changes to the toving eye; sensol out mob A The mingled contrast, of the various trees, his all * That deck their fides and fan the fummer's breeze; The cone-like Firr, and wintry-glooming Pine, And rev'rend Oak which lvy-wreathes entwine; Island The Box, the Holly, and the browner Yew, an and I With vernal afpect -- ever young and new! Here grow luxuriant, to their native fize, And ev'ry artful, mangl'd form despise. Greatly superior to the rest is found, The Mountain-ash with crimson berries crown'd! Which, nobly shoots, majestic, straight, and tall As Norway Pines--but far out-foars them all! Not the great Oak, tho' royal in his name, O'er tops it's beauty, or out spreads it's fame! Each tree, or shrub, which northern climes produce, Here grows spontaneous for the artist's use: The bright Cascades the Mountain-torrents form, That rush impetuous in a watry storm, And This noblest an is regard able to it is a ded mortly abroad, but that

hospitality and politeness to firangers who I bests, and bargionan are in the first, wifit the Lake: of lare years he has refi. I every gentleman who calls for them.

And faintly glimmer, through the waving woods, (Which now discover, now conceal their floods,) Ev'ry restraint from ev'ry object mock, But tumbling roar, against the founding rock! Then fudden stop---nor any course pursue, As if their lately, greater height to view .---Next spread in streams, and softly-purling rills, With gentle babling, through the sloping hills! To tell their peaceful and less rapid change, Through meads enamel'd now to glide and range. This bright affemblage, -- with their lights and shades, (Whilft Phæbus glitters through the op'ning glades,) The diff'rent tints, the trembling leaves unfold, The new born-green, and Autumns faded gold, The pleasing umbrage of the spreading boughs, Invite fond Lovers interchanging vows! While circling Woodbines mid'st the branches rove, Perfume the Air and shade the secret Grove! While feather'd Songsters chear their billing loves, And amorous Turtles, woo their fellow Doves.

Ah! had kind Nature more propitious been,
And form'd the Climate, equal to the scene!
Then might the Tendrils of the curling Vine,
Amid'st the Groves in sweet confusion twine!
The clust'ring Grape, might every Tree adorn,
And Flow'rs Exotic shield the pointed Thorn!
The blossom'd Shrubs in Spring-eternal blow,
In shades retir'd, and paths bewild'ring grow;

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The Lime, and Orange, mix with Myrtle bow'rs, And scent the Zephyrs of the temp'rate hours! Then too, the Lake, with airy breezes curl'd, * Might boast its barges with their fails unfurl'd, The smooth expanse in never lost repose, Might then defy its russling squally soes! † Let splendid gallies through the Islands sail, And stretch their Canvass to the swelling gale! Board to and fro, along the winding coast, Nor scar'd by Rocks, or sudden Tempests tost.

But fince no Wolves, the happy Plains controul,
Nor hungry Lions, in the Forest how!

Devouring tear the harmless bleating Lambs,
Who sly for shelter, to their slying Dams!

Nor lurking Vipers in the pasture lye,
Whose venom'd bite, the cautious Shepherds sly!

Nor croaking Toads with soaming-poison fill'd,
From baneful Herbs and sulphur'd dews distill'd!

Nor dang'rous monster with amphibious powr's,
Nor frights by Land, nor in the Lake devours!

And Nature gracious to this favourite Shore,
Hath bid these Reptiles foreign-shades explore!

Then freed from ills, which warmer climes invade;
For what we have---let thanks to Heaven be paid.

Lake is between seven and eight mile long, and about half that in breath, some parts of it has seventy fathom water, and cloafe to the very shore in some places between twenty and thirty.

^{*} Lord Kenmaire has given his barge men possitive orders not to carry sail on account of the sudden squalls from the mountains.

⁺ No water could better admit large veffels to fail on, than this, the lower

t Then, while our Climate boasts th' Autumnal change, The sporting croud to this bleft spot may range. Here, taste successful ev'ry new desire, Which active pleasure in their breasts inspire: Whether, to climb the Mountains tufted maze, And from their heights, with fearful wonder gaze; To fpring the Grouse, the purple heaths conceal, And their bright plumage to the Sun reveal; To rouze the Woodquest's, or the Pheasant's slight, And from their terror, catch their own delight; For Sport---to fire the whizzing fhot or ball, And gain new life, to fee their victims fall! Or if a nobler Game thy mind pursues, (Nature has amply giv'n thee here to chuse), Rous'd, by the Concert of the Hounds, and Horn: When the Lark foars, to hail the rifing morn, The STAG awaits thee on the mountain fide. The cov'ring brush his spreading-branches hide :---Now he's in fight, --- behold the glorious game! Let the pursuit, thy longing Soul inflame. How echo fighs to hear his panting groans, And as in sympathy his fate bemoans! The well-staunch'd Hounds, unmindful of his cry, With eager speed, and bloody anger fly! See, the Stag trembles---for his conscious fate;---Where is there rest! or any safe retreat! In vain below,---the furious chase to shun! Up, the steep mountains 'tis as vain to run!

Hurried,

Trom the beginning to the latter end or Autumn, is certainly the most agreeable season for visiting the Lake, as nather the beauty of the Lake.

Hurry'd, with terror, and just-fainting toil, would be With desp'rate plunge he seeks the cooler soil!--- il od I § Now to the boat, exulting Hunters take, and sould See he divides, the foamy-spreading lake! with doin! The stretching rowers all their nerves distend, ---Now, thy affiftance to their efforts lend; See he is near, --- increase your shouting cries, --- and o'T Almost with fear---your frighted victim dies! hind bak He swims no more---but panting now for breath, And paufing, weeps his ignominious death: mold by A Triumphant, fling him in the tott'ring boat ! - 1002 101 Secure his limbs, --- nor gash his reeking throat, air bal Like lawless victors, --- Epicures of food! roldon shi 10 No, leave him ranging in his native wood! Amongst his wild companions, free to live; vd baox He, to your fons a future chase may give a lod and W The STAG awaits thee on the mountain

Tir'd, with the noise of this tumultuous sport, and I Some to the Lake, for calmer joys resort: I have a wolf Where contemplation, and amusement join'd, and the Employ the body, and engage the mind. I have wolf Now, with the Angle, and the floating line, I have have Your mimick flies, upon the surface shine!

| The scaly-brood, perceive the glitt'ring bait, and the Surface shine!

§ Some people chuse to stay in their boat all the time of the chase knowing that the Stag will necessarily take the water, as there are men ranged on the top of the Mountains, to prevent his going over the proper boundaries for hunting. There

the beauty of the lake.

was formerly a great quantity of the Stag here, but they are not fo lenty of late

The Lake and adjoining Rivulets, are flockd with every kind of fresh water fish.

on as least the granity as Pleas'd,

Pleas'd with the playful skiping of the fly, Whose gaudy colours catch their piercing eye! Now fiercely eager to devour their prey, Voracious, leap the pleafing, fatal way! Too late, they find the treach'rous hook is there,---In vain they plunge, to break the twifted fnare! Give line enough---let loofe the 'twirling wheel,---Nor let them fudden, all thy fury feel: Now while they flag, --- draw in the flack'ning line, But still the struggling prize must not be thine: They plunge, --- they flutter to preserve their life, Whilst you experienc'd, rule the cunning strife! First to indulge, and next their flight restrain, 'Till they lie gasping, with fatigue and pain. The speckl'd Trout, may to your NET be drawn, As the set Partridge, on the stubbl'd lawn! If the large Salmon owns thy powerful art, When he is near, the keener Jav'lin dart! Hold him in triumph, to admiring eyes; While all your skill, is envyed in your prize.

When Summer Suns withdraw their chearing fire, And shiv'ring mortals to their hearths retire; When leafless Trees, are spangl'd by the Frost, And glitt'ring please, for verdant beauties lost! The Icy chrystals in the night display, Adawn-like twinkling, and a rival-day!

If too, the Lake with shining Ice o'er spread,

* Can safely bear the coursing sportsman's tread!

To skim the surface on the sliding skaite,

And daring venture on the brink of sate!

The Duck, and Widgeon, now distress'd for sood,

Quit frozen ponds, and seek the marshy wood;

The restless Woodcocks roving here repair,

From colder climes to seek a warmer Air!

The long-bill'd Snipe, and squeeking Plover too,

Half dead with cold,—yet live in dread of you.

Now trace the game through whiten'd tracks of snow,

And make thy frame with Summer ardor glow.

But next my muse the various Isles must sing,
Ah dear remembrance give my fancy wing!

† ROSS,—far the greatest in extent, and same!
(A warlike castle, gives the Island name!)
What surious stege thou might'st have once sustain'd,
What martial heroes in thy bulwark reign'd!
Have not a Bust,—nor live on Tomb engrav'd;
Thy structure hardly from the ruin sav'd!

‡ Not far from hence, are hid the treasur'd mines,
Which man discover'd for his mean designs!
Prepar'd his ruin from each lump of Ore,
And with enough,—was working still for more;

* There can't be a better place on the to which is now built a Barrack for four obe for a Sportsman, than this where companies of foot.

^{*} There can't be a better place on the globe for a Sportsman, than this where every kind of wood and water, Game present themselves every instant for his foort.

⁺ The Island of Ross castle, called from its, having an ancient ruin there, close

[†] In the middle of the Island there are Copper and Lead Mines, which were work'd to extract Gold and Silver from the Oar, but the Lake has overwhelm'd the works, fome years ago.

'Tis this, embroils the mad litigious race,
And bribes false patriots to their own disgrace;
Gives sense, and merit, e'en to knaves and sools,
And (taught by us)—the semale bosom rules!
But now the chast'ning waters, deep enfold,
Man's baneful poison, and pernicious Gold.

Next INNISFALLEN --- in more ancient days, § Cloyster'd, an Abbey to religious praise, Where pious Saints, with fervent zeal inspir'd, From the feducing world, and vice retir'd: Far from the crimes, which finful man invade, Bleft, in their hallow'd Isle they ever pray'd! In pious virtue, to their Maker true, Nor lur'd by aught the modern Priests purfue. Behold the fad remains of mould'ring time! See how the Ivy up the ruins climb! Yet still thy relicks shall rever'd be shewn; And virtuous Hearts thy antient state bemoan, But now by festive gayer scenes allur'd, Let us be bleft--though not like Monks immur'd! * In yonder Grot, seclude ourselves a while, Not to be gloomy, -- but to, chearful, smile! Spread the regale, unflask the sparkling Wine, Awaken mirth---as temp'rate joys incline! Social with Learning, with Religion gay, And pluck the ROSES, thro' life's thorny way!

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Abbey extant in this Island.

Near this ruin Lord Kinmaire has built a falloon for company to regale in.

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Be some how useful to the common weal, And serve our Country with a Roman zeal: To mean no ill, to do the good we can, And tempted vertuous, --- that's the test of man.

* What other Isles the spreading Lake contains, Their outward beauty, and their rich domains! Tho' each diftinguish'd for its rural charms, For lofty Woods, and plenty-yielding Farms!---Must pass unsung; nor can adorn my lays, While nobler objects, more attention raise!

SEE where the Land with gentle flope ascends, And from the Lake to yonder ruin bends! An antient CITY, once the mount adorn'd; + AGH'DOE 'twas call'd---tho' bury'd now and fcorn'd! When the proud foe, our conquer'd Isle annoy'd, Its warlike tow'rs, and peopl'd towns destroy'd; Rapacious, plunder'd all their wealth, and pride, And with Milesian blood, the ramparts dy'd! Crush'd all which might the patriot flame renew, Then all Hibernia's antient glory flew!---Tho' tyrant war, thy former pomp defac'd, and on sold And thou the triumph of its ravage grac'd! Thy Country's Annals will preferve thy fame; And thence shalt thou immortal grandeur claim.

t The remains of an ancient City,

* The lower Lake has 45 Islands inter- called Aghadoe, of which nothing but the ruins of the Cathedral is worth notice.

fpersed about it, beside barren Rocks above the surface of the Water.

But if thine eyes for extant beauties fue, * See where DUNLOW affords the pleafing view An antient fabrick, and a rich domain; Its noble grandeur, may it long retain! Here the great Lake its broadest surface ends, And here collecting all its force expends! Then forms a river, nor can longer stay, But rapid runs, to join the stormy Sea! Reluctant leaves, its former calmy bed, And murm'ring tells, --- its future peace is fled : Deeply ingulph'd, midst all the briny tide, No more with foftness through the plains to glide.

Hence waft me quick, KILARNY's pride to paint! Where art, keeps nature in a mild restraint: + MUCRUSS, --- thou beauteous nearly-floating Isle, What shelves of Marble, round thy borders pile! Here changing objects, please the ravish'd eyes, See Hills from Lakes, and Lakes on Hills, arife Here mazy walks, to op'ning vistas lead: To views unbounded, -- or the closing shade! Each part adorn'd with ev'ry rural grace, That Woods, that Lawns, that Hilly-mounts

The treasur'd earth, with latent riches fill'd, Can yield up wealth tho' never fown or till'd!

The funerflious waters, from the | Lake is two redes in length, and one in

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which he has improved in a most elegant

^{*}The feat of Mr. Mahony at the lower ond of the Lake.

† The feat of Counfellor Herbert, Lake.

See, a new Lake here unexpected fpreads, * What a white torrent, from you mountain heads: The filver glimm'ring with reflected rays! Shines on the fides, and through the Valley plays: To thee high MANGERTON, this fight we owe, While from thy lak'y bowl the draughts o'er flow. Th' Arbutus here, a never-fading green, In all its pride, and blooming beauty's feen; And like the Citron, can at once display, The Mellow Autumn, and the Flow'ry-May! What blending colours, on the branches vie, The Leaf, the Bloffom, and the yellow dye! Nor is the Shrub luxuriant here alone. But through each Hills, and Isle's, promiseuous thrown: Sprouts from the folid Rocks infertile waste, With pleasing sweetness to the eye, and tafter

The turban'd TURK, furveys this beauteous scene, With envious frown, and ever-hideous mien! Here plac'd by nature, as a low ring foil, To form a contrast, to this blooming soil! With rugged aspect, tow'rs supremely high: + And all below seems greatly to defy.

Now in the Boat, to mount the Rivers stream, Wrapt in delight of new enchantments, dream!

* The superfluous waters, from the | Lake is two miles in length, and one in evil's punch bowl rush down the sides of | breath.

^{*} The superfluous waters, from the Devil's punch bowl rush down the sides of this mountain, and here and there form a variety of beautiful cascades, particularly one of near 150 feet high, that preceptately falls into Mucrus Lake.—This

[†] This is a high Mountain opposite to Mucrus, affimilated to a Turk, from its white top, and grim appearance.

Whilst roving fancy to each object tost, And ev'ry fense, in ravish'd wonder's lost :---* Behold, you awful precipice arife, ship of a bound From thence the Eagle gives his race supplies! From thence stupendous, wings his foaring way, Or furious darts, upon his helpless prey: Should he come near, --- ah, fire thy vengence fierce! Bleft, if thou canst the greedy tyrant pierce: Then from his bosom, all his vitals draw! No more to keep the feather'd World in awe. But hark! what Musick strikes th' enchanted Ear? Let all be hush'd---with mute attention hear! What Magic founds, from yonder cliffs respire, Sure 'tis the concert of some Heav'nly quire! + Th' Aerial Musick, on you Mountain floats, Now they are louder, --- now they're fofter notes:---Hark, they are wafted to you speaking hill, Fill all the skies, and through our bosoms thrill! From ev'ry Grove, the tell-tale echoes fly, Nor keep in filence, ev'n a lovers figh! The lift'ning Birds would imitate the ftrain, And flocks to hear, look gazing from the plain.---Heav'ns what a thunder in you rattling peal, How the loud deaf ning founds our ears affail!

* A perpendicular Mountain, called the Eagles neft from their building on its inacceffible height.

† The found of a French Horn or Clarionet, at this place produces the most melodious echo that can be imagined,

and by the fituation of the surrounding. Hills, reverberates, seven or eight different times, which is better proved by the unexpected firing of a Cannon, as discribed above.

The quick-explosion darts a wild affright, What Earthquake terrors, swim before the fight! Our mind aftonish'd, in a dread amaze, Fancies a CHAOS on the World must seize: Nature feems shudd'ring with convulsive rage, And ev'ry Element in War to wage! Mountains look tott'ring, with tremendous quake, Near to be bury'd in the swallowing Lake: No Birds can fing, nor timid Flocks can graze,---What cause unknown such great effects can raise? But there again th' harmonious Air rebounds, And by the contrast gains much sweeter sounds! The echoing Hills in one full chorus ring, And all the Vallies, learn from them to fing! The found melodious ev'ry fense inspires, With melting foftness, and refin'd desires! All nature smiles th' auspicious hour to grace, Whilft Musick breathes, the soothing friend of peace.-

* Now still meandring thro' the River's course,
To trace its flowing from the Fountain source,
Through narrow straits, and wat'ry-spreading ways,
Pursue wild Nature, thro' the Valley's maze!
Here barren hills, no green-like Shrub adorn,
But all around look wint'ry, and forlorn!
Here hov'ring OSPREYS, with the SCREECH-OWL
roam,
And undisputed, make each part their home.---

^{*} The river that runs from the upper to the defent, not above ten feet, fo that a the lower Lake, is four miles long, and boat is easily rowed up.

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The scene now changes to a nobler fight, See waving Woods, and new Cascades unite! Nor shall you rocky-strait's opposing bar, Prevent thy wishes, to proceed as far:---* For see! the passage clear to nearer view, Now pull away, --- thy floating path purfue! See a new Lake, with Isles romantic grac'd, A Purple Mountain on the border plac'd; Enamel'd Meadows in the Islands bloom, And Woods impervious yield a pleasing gloom! Who shall their wild exterior charms reveal, And all the wonders which their shades conceal.

And now returning with the streaming tide, Too foon we pass, the flying rivers side: No fating pleasures can our bliss destroy, We view each object with increasing joy! While Siren Echos, might enchain our stay, But the swift Barge flies swifter far than they! Yet the bleft founds still tinkling in our ears, Breathe their foft Musick through the founding Spheres.

Now art thou not for all thy pains o'erpaid, To have fuch transports to thy mind convey'd! With blissful founds, and heav'nly visions pleas'd, Midst scenes inchanted, by enjoyment rais'd! Where all we ask, delights the ravish'd heart, And all, tho' nature--- feems the plan of art:

* Just at the entrance of the upper | Colman's Eye, but through that ye easily enter to this Lake, which is four miles Where

Lake, your further passage is seemingly prevented by two craggy Rocks, called | long and three broad.

Where all's improv'd, tho' all the work of chance.—
Are we awake, or in some magic trance?
In the bright regions of some fairy Queen,
Or blest Elysium—by the Muses seen!
If it be so—stay, dear Deception, stay,
Nor tear our Fancies from the Scene away!—
No! 'tis a heav'n!—" If heav'n on earth there be."
A blissful Eden!—to be sung by me.

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